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PORTUGAL;

Containing the Description, Original, and growth of that

KINGDOME,

With a continued series of all their Kings.

As also it's conquest by Philip the II.

King of Spain, and it's restauration under John the IVth Father of

Alphonso the VIth now King.

By a Person of Quality.



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Here present unto thee in this following History, the whole state, and various

Fortunes of the Kingdome of Pottugal: In Which, though briefly,
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changes and vicifsitudes of the
Lusitanian Affaires; and
wherein likewise is represented a
People so zealous of their Princes
Interest, as is not to be parallel'd
in these latter Ages. I dare say,
though you have seen & read many Relations, yet not any wherein
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of all concernments to a Nation
as in this. And also you will sinde
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some notable Remarques concerning the Kingdome of Spain, worthy observation. Now as this Difcourse fo full of choice Variety hath yielded me pleasure in the collectting; fo, I question not but that it will afford thee a suitablenesse of satisfaction and delight in the Reading. Vale.

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ortugal is a part of Spain, lying upon the furthest borders of the Ocean. It bordereth upon the East with the Kingdome of Castile, upon the West, with the great Ocean, upon the North with Gallecia, and towards the South with the Atlantick Sea, and Andelu-A3

zia. It contains in circuit \$50. miles, whereof 400. run along the fea shoar; the rest is main land which maketh it in form long and narrow. It hath in it 18. Cities, with many great villages & Castles, in number aboue 470 Three of these Cities have Archbishopricks, Braga, Lisbone & Evera, whereof the first is Lord both spititual and temporal; nine have their Bishopricks, Conimbra, Lamego, Visco , Porto, Miranda, Portalegre, Guarda, Leira, and Elvas; the other five remain without dignity, and those are Braganza, Tavila, Lagos, Faro, and Silves. These last four be in the Kingdome of Algarves, whereof one Bishop hath the title. It is watered with many Rivers, of which two are most famous

famous, Twie and Duero : the fielt runnerli by the walls of Lusbone, and at fix or leven miles Diflance payeth his tribute to the Ocean, the other by the City of Porto doth the fame. From their monthes unto the City there are no Rivers, but as it were armes and bofornes of the Sea; and most affured and capable ports for many great ships, which may fail far up againft the fiream; but farther into that of Lisbone, then. the other; where many great veffels paffe 15. or 20 miles beyour the City. Besides these two ports, twenty miles from Lisbone towards the South is Seruval, which hath a port capable of many thips. And in Algarves is Tavila , Lagos , and Villeneuve, which three are of a reasonable

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capacity. Lisbone is their principal City, on which the whole Realm depends, and is very populous, by the reason of the temperatescituation, being distant from the Aquinottial 39, degrees, A great part of this realm was sometimes united to the Crown of Caffile: but in the year 1099. Alphonsus the sixth King of Castile gave that part which lyeth Northward in marriage with Therafia his Daughter to Henry of Lovaine Nephew to the Earl of Burgundy, born at Becanfon, who coming out of France with Count Raymond of Tholouze his Uncle, who was after Earl of Gallecia, went to the warres, which the Castilians made against the Moors which possessed Spain. Portugal was then

then obscure, poor and restrained within streight limits. This Henry govern'd it by the title of Earl for the space of 12. yeares.

After him Alphonso Henry son and Heir both to the fortunes and virtues of this first Earl, did greatly augment it by his valiant Exploits, taking many places from the Moors by fine force, against whom having won a great victory in a pitched field, 1139. viz. When made General of the Portugal Army, he encountred five Mahumetan Kings, commanding an Army of four hundred thousand Moores; which Legion of Locusts were put to flight by his courage and conduct, and became the first Trophies of this valiant Worthy. And thereupon he . A s

he was then proclaimed King by his fouldiers in a place called Campod' Ourique where the battle was fought. Which faid title was with great honour fetled upon him by the Soveraigns of Caftile and Leon for his gallant Demeanourshown in that Battel, and shortly after was likewise confirmed with great applause by Atexander the fourth for a small tribute, (he had governed before the assumption of this Title twenty seven yeares as Earl of Portugal. And after fo glorious atchievements following these glorious successes, he won & added to his Kingdome Arem and Lisbone, though not without the loffe of the best of his Soldi. ers. Now after all this that he might evidence himself, Tam Artibus

Artibus quam Armis, ex utrisque Casarem, out of an infinite love to his Country, which he earnestly desired to keep free from the vallalage of other Nations, and to perpetuate the Royal Line of the Native Portugueses, convented that memorable Afsembly of the three Estates of Portugal in the City of Lamego, where were enacted many Laws, which they justly account their Fundamentals, as unalterable as those of the Medes and Perfians, made Sagred by the observation of them both by Prince and People, to the holy tye of which they all oblig'd their Faith; these lawes are the ground on which, and from whence may be ratified and easily justified the

undoubted Title of the now

King of Portugal.

First, it was enacted, that his Son, and Grand-son, and so forward, should reign after him in fecula feculorum, But if the King have only Daughters, the Eldest should be Queen after her Father; upon condition the bemare ried to a Native of Porugal, and that he be a Nobleman, who . shall not take upon him the name of a King, until he hath a Son born, nor wear a Crown on his Head, nortake the right hand of his Wife.

But that which here is to be infifted on, is the last clause which is faithfully transcribed out of the faid Laws.

Sit ifta Lex in sempiternum, quod

quod Prima Filia Regis accipiat maritum de Portugale, ut non veniat regnum ad extraneos; & se sasaverit cum Principe extraneo, non sit Regina: quia nunquam volumus nostrum Regnum ire de Portugalensibus qui nos sua fortitudine Reges fecerunt, sine adjutorio alieno, per suam fortitudinem & cum sanguine suo.

Let it be a Law for ever, that the King's eldest Daughter marry a Native of Portugal, that so the Crown may never descend to strangers; and in case she should marry a Prince that is a stranger, let her not be Queen, for we will never have our Kingdome go out of the Race of the Portugals; who have made us King's by their own Valour, without forreign assistance, by their

their own valour, and with the effusion of their own bloud.

This law was put in execution after the death of Ferdinando, the ninth King of that Race; for Donna Beatrice his Daughter, being married to a forraign Prince. Was excluded, and King Iohn the First though illegitimate was advanced to the Throne.

This valiant Prince in his old age (His son Sanches having the year before been vanquished and taken prisoner) by his accustomed valour won a pitcht battaile where a double number of the Enemies were vanquished, He sounded in his life time many Monasteries and richly endowed them. And at last being an honour to his friends and a terrour

rour to his Enemies he died the 9th of December 1185. He ruled as Earl and King seventy two years; a longer time of Empire then hath been enjoyed by any Prince since the first beginning of the Roman Conquests.

His successor Alphonso the third King of Portugal, who was Brother to Sanches the Second, both Sonnes of Alphonfo the fecond, Son of Sanches the first, Son of the aforesaid Alphonso Henry, did no lette augment it by another meanes. For having before his comming to the Crown married with Matilda Countels of Bouloigne in Picardie, being now in possession of the Realm, put her away and took to Wife Beatrice Daughter to Alphonfo the tenth King of Castile, firnamed

named the Wife to have in Dowry with her the Kingdome of Algarves. So as their limits being extended as they be at this present, they began after they had subdued the Moors, to war with the Kings of Castile; fince which time they did not remain idle, but under Iohnthe First, at the perswasion of Henry his Son they wonne much honour in Mauritania Tingitana, where they became masters of Centa, Tanger, and Arzila: By reason of these events they extend their hopes yet farther, so as the Islands of Madera, not far distant, and the Terceras lying from Lisbone 850 miles, in the 40. degree of Latitude, were by them discovered, and peopled.

And not yet content, they began

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gan to coast Africk running aalong for many years, until that coming to the other Hemisphere, they discovered all Ethiopia. And although Alphonso the Fift renewed the war against the Spaniard, yet did they not discontinue their navigation; but in the end having made peace with the Catholick King Ferdinand, 1419. they had more leasure to think of their new conquest. By these meanes the Realm was much strengthned, both with people and wealth but much more encreased when as Ferdinand and Isabell King and Queen of Castile, expelled the lews out of their Dominions, being then there in great numbers : now they agreed with Iohn the second Successour to Alphonso

phonso the fifth, paying eight Ducats for every person to enter into his country, upon condition to depart at a certain time prefixed, and that the King should appoint them shipping to transport them. And upon these conditions there entred about 20000. Families; but the time of their departure being expired, many remained flaves, others unwilling to depart or lose their goods, were baptiled; So as under the name of new Christians, the greatest part remained in Porsugal unknown. And being undiffinguished, and allied for money, with some Noble men of the Country, they laboured to be admitted for Citizens. Since in the Reign of Emanuel the 14.

King, they continued their Navigation

vigation with great fervency. His predecessors having many years coasted along Africk, they built a Fort at Argin, took the Islands of Hesperides, which now are called Cape vert, fortified the Castle of S. George in Ethiopia, which they call Mina : discovered the Princes Island, and that of S. Thomas, which lyeth perpendicularly under the Equinoctial. And passing further they entred into League with the Realmes of Congo and Angola, all Moores. Having passed the great Cape of Buena Esperanza, and the Island of St. Lawrence; right against it upon the main lands they became lords of Soffala, Mozambique & Melinde. Inthetime of the said Emanuel, they passed the mouth of the Red sea, trafficking

ficking at Socotra and Calecut, they did run through the Persian gulph, and having passed the mouth of the river Indus, they entred into India; where first by traffick, and after by force, they landed at Calecut, Cochin and other places thereabouts, but more strongly then any other place funder the conduct of Alphonfo Albuquerque a famous Captain) at Goa (a small sland in the Realm of Accen, neer unto the Country of Idalcan) the which is now a City with an Archbishoprick chief of that State, where the Viceroy maketh his ordinary aboad. They have gone along that Coast building small fortresses & having turned back to the mouth of the faid Gulph they became Masters of the Isle o, Ormust

Ormus, and along that coast have conquered the Cities of Chaul. Damane, Besaim and Diu. Upon the point of the coast of Malabar (which they call the Cape of Comery) turning towards the gulph of Ganges they have traffick and fortresses in the Isle of Zeilan, which some take to be the ancient Taprobana, where groweth the best Cinnamon. And having passed the said gulph to the East and the mouth of Ganges, they discovered the other coast, at the point whereof, which the ancients call the golden Chersonesus, they became Lords of the Town of Malaca, 25 Miles from the great Island of Sumatra, held also of some for Taprobana And passing further not only by their Traffick

Traffick in the Realm of Pegu, and other Countries in the firm Land, but also by their Navigation they have discovered the greater and leffer Iava, the Kingdome of China, the great Sea of the Isles of Molucques, from whence come all the Cloves and Nutmegs; and the Incof Japan. They have also in the time of Emanuel conquered of opposite to Ethiopia, and the Cape of Bul ena Esperanza,) the Province which they call S. Croix, commonly called Brafit, joyning to Peru, running 1500. miles in length; yet stretching not far into the main Land, They have divided it into eight Captainships, and have in a manner given it to those that did conquer it, serving to the King the greatest de Meril

Kingdome of Portugal. part of the jurisdiction, And although for a time it did feem of fmall profit, foasthe Criminal Judges of Portugal did and doe yet still, confine and banish thither Thieves and Murtherers. and fuch like malefactors, yet being fertile it is greatly inhabited, foras at this day there are great dwellings, and many buildings for fugars. The principal towns bethe Bay of All Saints, and Pernanbuck. Emanuel being poffeffed of fo large an Empire, had his felicity increased also in the multitude of his children. This man had three wives; of the first, which was I/abel, Daughter to Ferdinand King of Caltile; widow to Alphonfo, fon to Iohn the second of Portugal; he had no other children (for the dyed

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in child birth) but Michael, who dyed in the cradle; who had been as they fay, the cornerstone to unite it and Spain stogether. But by his death the Portugals loft the Kingdomes of Cafile and Arragon, whereof Emanuel & Ifabel his wife were fworn Princes, the iffue male of the bloud royal being extinct in Cafile. His second wife which was Mary fifter to Isabel the daughtet of the faid Ferdinando. brought him many children, viz.fix fonnes and two daughters; I/abel was married to Charles the fifth Emperour, Beatrice to Charles the third Duke of Savoy; John did inherit the King-Lewis dyed without domes, marrying, leaving behind him Anthony his bafterd fon, who was

Kingdome of Portugal. was after Prior of Crato, and pretended to the Crown. Ferdenand deceased without heirs, so did Alphonfo who was Cardinal, called by the title of S. Blafe, and Henry Cardinal by the title of Quatre Corones, this outlived all the rest, and succeeded Seba-Stian. Edward married Isabel daughter to Iames Duke of Bragance; by whom he had Mary, which afterwards was married to Alexander Farnese Prince of Parma, and Katharine, wifeto Iohn Duke of Bragance; he had likewise a son, which being born after the death of his father was likewise called Edward; this is he, who disfavoured by K Sebastian dyed at Evora in the year 1576. Of his third wife which was Leonora daughter to B King

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King Philip the first of Castile, Arch Duke of Austria, who was after married to Francis the first, King of France; he had none but Charles, who dyed young; and Mary, who being about 56. years old dyed a Maid at Lisbone, 1578. But returning to Ishn the third son of the second wife, who succeeded Emanuel in the Kingdome, 1522. He contracted Marriage with Katherine, fister to the Emperour Charles the fifth, and had iffue Mary, who after was the first wife of Philip the second, King of Castile; from whom issued cho les, who dyed young. The fame John and Katherine had many male children which dyed young, one onely out lived the rest, named Iohn; who as some **fay**

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- fay dyed young with excessive love of his wife, fifter to the faid Philip, leaving her great with child; who was after delivered of Sebastian, who succeeded his grandfather in the Diademe. 1557. This Prince being very young, strong of body, very valiant, and fondly defirous to eternize his Name, by feats of War in the twentieth year of his age, began to put his refolution in practife , contriving a War against the Indians, but being diverted by his kinsmen and Nobles, from the voyage to the Indies, they laid before him another project, (the better to diffwade him) which was to annoy the Moores in Mauritania Tingitana, which he approved, and put in execution, prepretending the end of his voyage to be the restoring of Muley Mahomet chased out of his Kingdome by his Uncle Muley Moluc; he passed into Africk, with most of his Nobility, and a great Army, where in a pitched fiield at Alchazar, he was slain, his Nobility captivated, and his army utterly discomfited. This Battell was famous by the death of three Kings. 7. Aug. 1578. Sebastian

Muley Moluc died of a natural disease in the time of the battel. was slain in the fight, Muley Mahomet, in his flight hastily passing the River Mucazen was drowned.

But many of the Portugals are of opinion that this sebastian was not killed, but that for shame and sorrow returning not home he wandered from place to place

Kingdome of Portugal. place, and at last was found and avowed at Venice. And from thence carried to Naples. where he was kept three dayes & three nights in a dark Dungeon, with. out any sustenance, but a knife and an halter : brought into Spain by the King's command, where at last he dyed. A man in whom so many circumstances met to make up a truth, that the very Spaniards use to fay, that either he was the true Sebastian, or else the Devil in his likeness. This valiant and unfortunate Sebastian, being thus unhapily taken away, the old Cardinal Henry took the reines into his own hands, which he held about a year and a half. In which space many made claim to the fuccesfion. The Catholiek King Philip the

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the Second put himself formost, being born of Isabell the eldest Daughter of Emanuel. 10hn Duke of Bragance challenged the Realm as the right of Katherine his Wife, alledging that he was nearer unto the succession, then the Catholick King, being (although a woman) daughter to the faid Edward, Brother to the said Isabell. And that by the fundamental Law of Portugal, made in the Convention at Lamego, which both Prince and People were fworn to observe; none could challenge the Crown of Portugal but himself. That Law excluding the Females from succession to the Crown, if not married to a ! Native Portugal. Alexander the Paince of Parma, Sonne to Octavius

Kingdome of Portugal. Octavius Farnese did pretend it for his eldest Son Rainucius, as male, issued from Mary the eldest Daughter to the faid Edward, Sister to the said Katherine. Emanuel Phillibert Duke of Savoy, although Son to Bestrice, youngest Sifter to the Catholick Kings Mother, and younger then the faid King, did not yet leave off his pretentions, but with greater modesty. The peoples pretention was not unconsidered, for that the Issue male of their Kings failing, they pretended the election to belong no them, they grounded it, that women did never succeed; but in an interreign a woman was excluded, and John the First King of Portugalchosen by the people. The pretention of Katherine de Medices B 4

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dices Queen-mother of France, was likewise fortified with lively reasons by her Embassadours: the ground was, That when as Sanches the Second raigned in Portugal, whom they called Ca. pello for the habit he used, Alphonfo his Brother married with Matilda then Countesse of Bulloign in Picardy, and that after by the weakness of Sanches, the people with the consent of Pope Honorius the Third, called in Alphonfoto be Tutor and Governour of the Realmand although at his coming he did but usurp, yet foon after, the King dying without heirs, the Earle did lawfully inherit the Crown, having had before by his French Wife some Children, who understand. ing her Husband to be King, and not

Kingdome of Portugal, not to return any more to Bulloign: The went to him into Poringal, but for that Alphonso now. King did treat a Marriage in Cafile, to have the Kingdome of Algarves in dower, as he after had, she was neither seen nor received by him; The queens Embassadours therefore inferred, that all the Kings which had succeeded him, and his children, had as bastards unjustly usurped, and that the Kigdome ought to return by direct line, to the heirs of the lawful children of At. phonso and the Countesse of Bulloign, whom they faid to be Queen Katherine of Medices, Daughter to Lawrence of Medices, and Magdalen of Bulloign, the only remainder in direct Line of that house, and heir to the

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the County, the which although she did not then possesse, being incorporate by the Kings of France, as a matter of importance seated upon the limits of Flanders and England; yet they gave unto the Queen in recompence the Earldome of Lorangueil which she enjoyed. Lastly, Anthony, Prior of Crato, fon of Lewis, who was brother to King Henry, fought the Crown, saying he was legitimate; and that this opinion of Bastardie was only fixt and dropt as an Aspertion upon him to put him in an incapacity of intitling himfelf to the Diadem of Portugal. But King Henry being desirous to prefer the title of Katherine of Bragance, pronounced him illegitimate, and

Kingdome of Portugal. 31 and when he appealed to the Pope, a second sentence passed against him, whereby he was deprived not only of title, but of all honours, and commodities, and banished the Country. After which King Philip wrought over King Henry to his devotion, by the meanes of his Confessor; corrupted the Nobility with rewards, and promises, by the ministery of the Duke of Ossuna, and Christopher de Morahis Ambassadours; and transported many thousands of old fouldiers out of Italy, Germany, and Flanders into Spain, 1580. to be ready for all occasions against Portugal; which in the year following he had occasion to employ: for King Henry dying, and the government of the

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Realm by the appointment of the Estates and the King in his life time, being setled in the hands of five Governours; three of them were corrupted by the Spaniard; which the Estates mistrusting desfolved; they themsclves being likewise devided, the greatest part of the Nobility, with the whole Clergy being for the Catholick King; but the people were violent for Anthony: yet the Governours seemed to prepare for war; under which pretence they dispatched all gentlemen of fort which were of the popular faction, asit were unto several charges, who accepted of them, thinking it proceeded from trust, when their intent was to berid of those, who being present hindred thir resolutions;

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tions; and yet being absent, could do no good, because they could do nothing but by comission; yea the Spanish pistolets, and hope to rife (although by treachery) prevailed so far, as that Lewis Casar, chief Purveyour, sometimes with one let, sometimes with another, expresly hindered the whole current of Affairs. King Philip the Second being assisted with these Partifans, though he could not pretend so far as the Duke of Parma, as being descended from a daughter whose brother's Heirs must in all reason be preferred before hers: nor as the Duke of Bragance, yet to acquire a Kingdome which might joyn the whole Continent of Spain together in one hand, for the disinheriting

headinesse, and unskilfulnesse of his enemies : fo that he foon conquered the whole Kingdome of Algarves, notwithstanding the Pope, (thinking it not convenientinreason of State, that the Catholick King, whose power already was so formidable in Italy, should grow more potent by the addition of a new Kingdom, had sent his Legate to exhort him to defift from Armes, offering himself a judge to decide the rights of the Pretendants : but the Spaniard being loath to put that to compromise, whereof he was already affured, deceived him with delayes fo long, untill the Victory was even in his hands. So that the feares of Anthony encreased as his hopes decayed: the Duke of Bragance, and the

inheriting of all right, caused his Martial favourite the Duke of Alva, who was General of the Army to take the field; who entred the frontiers, and feized upon divers Towns by accord, which the populars hearing of, which were with Anthony at St. Arem, proclaimed him King that so they might have a head to their confused body. After which Anthony repaired to Lisbone, and there was fworn, fent the Count of Vimiofo to Setuval, whence he expelled the Governours, who there had intended to admit the Spanish Gallies, to that all the places about Lisbone were at his devotion. Alva very much prevailed, as well through his own good discipline; as the inconstancy, headinesse.

the greatest part of the Nobility making their peace with the enemy to their best advantage, no hope of relief remaing from other Countries, (a foundation built upon succours from the enemies ill willers, being all waies unsure, since they will not declare themselves, unless their companion be ftrong:) and his Army which he had levied, being composed, either of unwilling minds or unable bodies, fince all were Mechanicks, Mariners, Slaves, or Religious perfons, whose vaunts before the fight did more inflame, then their valour in fight did defend him, whom they had inflamed. Yet such as they were, they banded together under the leading of Anthony, Alcantara expecting

Kingdome of Portugal. pecting the Enemy, 1580. where they were put to rout, chased to Lisbone walls, and the Suburbs facked, a thousand Portugals beingstain in fight, partly in their trenches, and partly at the defence of a Bridge; where they made a valorous resistence. Anthony fled to Viana, whither he was so sharply pursued by Zanches d' Avila Mareschal of the field, that in the habit of a mariner.he hardly escaped in a small Boat both captivity from his pursuers, and drowning through the violence of wind and waves. The year 1581. following, he escaped into France from Setuval in a Flemish ship, which he did hire, by the aid of a woman, and a religious person, where he incited the Duke of Alen-

Kingdome of Portugal. ceived the oath of allegiance to himself and Don Diego his Sonne from the States of the Kingdome; At this time Anthony was armed by the Queen-mother with 60. Sail and 7000. men for the assurance of the Islands and the surprizing of the Indian Fleet. under the leading of Philip Strozzi and Monsieur Brifack's against whom was fent the Marquesse of Saint Croix with a strong Army, who joined with the French near the Island St. Michael in a bloudy Fight, wherein Strozzi and the Count Vimioso were flain, much bloud spilt on both sides, but the French received the Foil, and yet not fo weakned, but that Anthony retained the Islands in his devotion, from whence he afterward

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zon to annoy the Catholick King in Brabans, and the Queenmother (who seemed discontented with the Spaniard, for interrupting the course of justice by the violence of armes) to affift him with men and munition for the recovery of Portugal, and the defence of the Terceraes, who stood out in his cause, and had vanquished Peter de la Baldes with the loffe of 400. of his men who had been sent thither to reduce those Islands to the obedience of the King of Spain. Portugal was now peaceably enjoyed by the Catholick King, who had made his magnificent entry into Lisbone, granted ageneral pardon to all of Anthony's faction, excepting the Religious and some sew particulars, and received

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failed into France, leaving Emanuel de silva Governour behind. Afterthereport of this Victory, the Catholick King imagining his affurance of Portugal to be good, departed into Castile, leaveing Cardinal Albert Arch Duke of Austria Viceroy in his stead, having first received a new oath to his Son Don Philip, because Don Diego his eldest Son was deceased. But because he meant to make his conquest intire, 1383. The year following he fent the Marquesse of St. Croix with a greater Navy then before to the Mands, where 1200. French under the leading of Monsieur du Chattes being joyned with those Portugals which were under Emanuel de Silva made a valiant resistance, but being

ing oppressed with so greata number of Enemies, being 10000 trained Soldiers at least: the French yielded upon composition, and Emanuel de Silva was taken and beheaded. After which victory Faiole likewise was reduced to obedience after some small resistence, with the

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And thus was the whole Kingdome of Portugal brought under the power of the Catholick King, with all the dependencies upon that Crown, and continued so for the space of sixty yeares, but was suddenly dispossessed by a Potent Party appearing for John Duke of Bragance descended from Edward the youngest Son of Emanuel King of Portugal, who laid their plot

plot so cunningly and managed, it so successefully in his behalf, That the King of Spain was sooner disseised of the Kingdome of Portugal then he heard of any plot or practise set on soot against him.

Now for fuller satisfaction concerning the exclusion of the King of Spain out of Portugal, it is necessary to relate the particulars of that History.

There hath ever been a certain Antipathy and enmity betwixt the Spaniards and Portugals, as great as between the Spaniard, and French. But since they have been subject to the Kings of Spain, they have been so averse from the Government, that the Parish Priests and Preachers at the end of their Mass and Serpleaf Virg Tyra the C fome mak N 163 Fifth

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mons, were wont to exhort the people publickly to fay two Ave Maries, to the end that it would please our Saviour & the blessed Virgin to deliver them from the Tyranny (as they termed it) of the Castilians, expecting alwaies some favourable occasion to make an universal Revolt.

Notwithstanding, in the year 1636, The new Tax called the Fifth part, was generally imposed, that is Five per Cent. upon all Estates Merchandise; which being judged not only very grievous, but also most unjust, gave occasion to all the Southern part of Portugal to rise in arms, and had no question set the whole Kingdomeon fire, had it not been quencht by the great care of the Infanta Margareta

The History of the of Savoy, the King's Aunt, then ever Governess.

The Court of Spain observing hereupon the Inclinations of that people to an universal revolt, resolved to use the best meanes to secure it: In the first place, to allure forth the great Duke of Bragance, who for Riches, power, number of Tenants, affection of the people, and kindred, was the chief No. bleman not only of Portugal, but of all Spain, and (which was more then all) had an undoubted right to the Crown of Portugal, and therefore certainly it was a cruel pity in Philip the second, to seize upon this Kingdome, and yet leave the pretender to the Crown, not only alive, but greater and higher then

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Kingdome of Portugal. 45 ever he was: It being an infallible Maxime, That nothing can be sufficient to secure his Loyalty, who hath power enough to justify disloyalty. To make sure of the Duke, they first offered him the Government of Milan, which he modeftly refused, resolving not to stirre forth of Portugal. Hereupon the Count Olivarez, Duke of S. Lucar, was resolved to try all wayes imaginable; to which the Rebellion of Catalon'a seemed to offer a fit opportunity for this design; for the Count Olivarez politickly gave out that the King was to go in perfon against the Catalonians; and therefore that all the Nobility in the King's Dominions were to appear within four Months at Madrid, to wait upon the Kingin this

this Expedition. But the Duke of Bragance well knowing the affection of the Portugals, and suspition of the Castilians; to the end that he might take off the one, and affure the other, retires himself to his Countryhouse, there to follow his Hunting; excusing himself to the Count Olivarez, that his affairs at present were in so bad a condition, that he could not appear abroad with that splendor and dignity that became a person of Quality; and that he was confident he could doe his Majesty better service by staying at home when all the rest of the Nobility weregone forth. This answer much augmented the former fuspitions of the Count Olivarez; wherefore he refolved to make use

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Kingdome of Portugal. 47 use of the most exquisite diffimulation that ever he had done in all his life; and because it was a most ticklish affair, an extraordinary caution and subtility was necessary : First then, the Count Olivarez by Letters affures the Duke of Bragance he was well fatisfied with his reasons, and of his good inclination to his Majesties service. Secondly, to: make a shew of true amity, feemed to be very compassionate of what regarded the Dukes Interest. Thirdly, he asfured him that the King was very well content that he should continue there, and to restifie unto him the confidence and trust was repos'd in him, made him General of all the Militia of Portugal, leaving it to his choice

choice to reside in what place he pleased near Lishone; and to supply his present necessity, sent him sixty thousand Crowns.

This Intrigue of the Count Olivarez appeared to those that faw only the outfide of the businesse, so strange and so prejudicicial to the Kings interest, that they cryed out, This was the very way to loofe all, the rather because by calling back the Duke from his retired life at his Country-house, he was now exposed to the view of the Lisbonians, in whosethoughts the house of Bragance hath ever been represented as right heir to that Crown, that his presence must needs augment the hopes of the Portugals, and new kindle their defires to have a King of their own.

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Lastly, That the Militia of Portugal was put in those very to hands that aspired to the Scepter: but this kind of dealing. was the Count Olivarez's ordinary course, who was oft heard to brag that he gained much, more by such counterfeit Caref-Ses, then with downright threats, It was never Olivarez's intention to trust the Duke of Bragance, but to carry the businesse so, that the Duke might trust him. And indeed, what greater testimony of confidence could have been imagined, then to fend the Dake near Lisbone, give him the command of all the Forces, and supply him with monies. All these crafts and subtilties no doubt had been strong enough to have charmed the Dukes spirit, and

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to have made him to confide in Olivares, but that the particular acquaintance he had with his dealings , had instructed him to stand upon his guard. In the mean time the Infanta Margarita upon whose shoulders all the good and bad events of Porsugal was like to fall, amazed that these manifest opportunities of Revolt were offered to the Duke, advertised the King thereof by divers Letters, whereunto fhe received cold answers, full of Riddles and darknesse; the obscurity whereof a little after feemed much greater; For, without giving her any notice, all the Spaniards that kept Garriion in St. Iohn's Castle, which commanded Lisbone, were drawn forth, at a time when the Safety

Kingdome of Portugal. 51 fafety and fecurity of the whole Kingdome depended upon the Castles strength, & that strength upon the fidelity of those Spamis souldiers; but it was a stratagem wherein confifted the last attempt of Olivarez to lecure the Duke; and that his cunning might not be discovered, but lie hid for a time, staid 'till Summer, 1640. before he would invite afresh the Duke to come to Court, which he did at length by a large Letter; wherein after ample testimonies of affection, he much commended the Loyalty of the Duke, his vigilancie, and diligence in his Office of General; and the happy effects of his authority over the Portugals; then represented unto him the fad condition of the Monar-C 4 chy

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chy, by reason by the disorders of Flanders, disasters of Italy, and the great preparations of the Turkes but chiefly because of the most powerfull Enemies of the French, already entred into Spain by the affiftance of the Catalonians: that the only way to fave the Kingdome, was to chase away these last, but that this could not be well effected but by a vigorous affiftance of all the Grandees of Spain, of which he was the chief; He might by his presence, and with a good number of his Tenants, give example to others; and that to this end his Majesty expected him every moment, with defign to Honour him, & conferre upon him priviledges and dignities of high concernment. Now although

Kingdome of Portugal. though the Duke of Bragance was reputed a man not very well versed in the world, yet he carried himself with so much wisedome and discretion, that after he had supplied the King with a considerable number of his Tenants and Friends, he refused to go in person; but using craft against crast, retired himself to his Country house, so that he might take off a suspition of jealousie, that he plotted any thing against the State. The Count Olivarez in this used all fair meanes, because he saw there was no hope of prevailing other. wife, in somuch that by reciprocal diffimulation each of them laboured to give testimony of fingular affection and perfect confidence.

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The Infanta vigilant upon all occasions, observing these proceedings, and foreseeing what would be the iffue, wrote to the King and to Olivarez very urgent letters, protesting that if speedy remedy were not taken, the Kingdome must needs be loft: the King hereunto gave no answer; but Duke Olivarez in his Letters useth her like a filly woman, fitter to govern a Family then a Kingdome, bidding her, that if the comprehended not the mysteries of State, at least she should not discover them. In the mean time Olivare? fent fecret Instructions to Don Lopez de Ofsis, and Don Antonio de Oquendo, after they had relieved Flanders with men and money, to put in with his whole Fleet upon the Coast

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Coast of Portugal; and so soon as the Duke of Bragance should come aboard the ships according to the duty of his place, and new office, they should set sail & bring him away to Cales; but that great Fleet was ruined by the Hollander upon the Downes in the year 1639. Hereupon it was thought necessary to weaken the Portugals by draining the Kingdome of superfluous humours, and to that end a great numberof Souldiers were drawn forth, which inflamed more those ill humours, that had been much stirred by the divers discontents. and distaste which generally was taken against Michael Vasconzellos cheif Secretary of State; who taking upon him theman. age of all affaires, leaving to the Infanta.

Infanta only the bear Title of Vice- Queen, governed absolute. ly according to his own will and pleasure, being a man of unsufferable petulancy, and fet as Controller of his Mistresses a-Ctions : and in Madrid the principal affaires of Portugal were managed by Don Diego Suarez. Father in law to Vasconzellos, These, with some other miscarriages, were the true occasions of that general revolt, which was contrived in few dayes, and executed in few houres. For as foon as some of the chief Nobility met privately together: viz. Don Antonio de Almeyda, D. Antonio Dalmada, Petrus Mendoza, Franciscus de Mello, and Georgius de Mello his brother, all men of Noble extraction

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Kingdome of Portugal. 57 extraction, wise, and well in yeares. They began the discourse of the many grievances, intolerable taxations, pride and arrogancy of the Castilians that were Officers of State, in particular of the tyranny of Vascon. zellos, their liberties violated, their Clergy impoverished, their Nobility destined for slaughther, their Country ruinated, and all their Priviledges, engraven upon a Marble pillar, exposed to the publick view, violated and infringed, &c. They began to propound with themselves, how they might find a Remedy for the freeing their Country of those insufferable Thraldomes, and restore it to it's pristine Priviledges. And fuddenly they refolved to have the judgement

of Don Gondicales Couttingo, an ancient, grave, and discreet man, and in great esteem and authority with the Portugueses, and in whom they could well confide; being alwaies ready both in zeal and judgement to shew his love to his Country: but at that time by infirmity of body forc't to keep his chamber. When the matter was propounded, he presently commended the enterprize, but thought it very difficult; therefore advised them to fecrecy, and to deliberate all occurrencies. They likewise for the satisfaction of their consciences advised with D. Rodriques de Cunha, Archbishop of Lisbone, concerning the lawfulnesse of this great Affair, whether they might profecute it without fin. The

Kingdome of Portugal. The Reverend Bishop at first hearing was amazed at fuch an unlook't for a Message. But upon some mature thoughts, told them, it was true, and he could not deny but that the Kings of Spain had usurped the Crown of Portugal for fomelong time. But wish't them to be well advised, for the Castilians were watchfull and powerfull. (It was proposed at the same private meeting to change it into a common wealth; But the Archbishop of Lisbone with powerful reafons made abortive that defign presently at the first motion of it, and set their thoughts upon endeavouring to win Iohn Duke of Bragance fon to Theodofius, fon to Katherine, who was daughter to Edward, son to E-

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cept of the Crown.

Now being thus, informed and fatisfied in their judgement in relation to the present design, they presently agree to send Don Iohn Gaston Cotigno to Duke Iohn, who went immediately to his Highness at his Country. house at Villa viciosa, the Court of the Dukes of Bragance; and. there told him of the general discontent of the people, of the general consent of the Nobility and Clergy to receive Him as their King; and that the present conjuncture of affaires feemed to invite him to embrace without delay fo profitable and necessary a design; for that now the House of Austria was at a low ebb, distracted with

Kingdome of Portugal. 61 Wars on every side, all the forces of Spain employed against Catalonia; that they could not want affistance from France; and others that were jealous of the greatnesse of that House; that now was the time for him to recover that right which had been fo long detained from him and his Ancestors; that Fortune seldome offers a man a Kingdome twice; this opportunity being let slip, in vain might He hereafter hope for the like, or for succour from the Portugals, when He shall be clapt in prison at Madrid; that if He would not take it upon Him, the whole Kingdome was resolved to change it into a Republick, and then He should not only be equalized with the rest of low condition, but

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but hated by all, and looked upon as one who refused to be an instrument of his Countries Liberty, and so should be the most unhappy man amongst them. bo

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After a long silence, the Duke told him, he thanked him and the whole Nobility for their affections towards him, but that this was a businesse of such weight, that it required a more mature deliberation; That he knew well, that this was an affair of that kind, that knew no medium betwixt the Crown and the Halter.

The next night communicating the whole businesse to his Wise, who was sister to the Duke of Medina Sidonia, a Woman of a Manly courage; sit for such a bold

Kingdome of Portugal. bold Enterprise; and wavering with himself whether he had better consent to the Nobility, or fly to Madrid, his Wife thus briefly spake to him; My Friend, It thou goest to Madrid, thou runnest the hazard of losing thy Head; if thou acceptest the Crown thou runnest the same hazard; if then thou must perish, better die nobly at home, then basely abroad: At which words the Duke was so animated, that he came forth of his Closet, and bad one of his Confidents, to wit, Pinto Ribeiro, goe and acquaint the Nobility, that he was resolved to undertake the same Enterprise, and run the same hazard with them all; this was in the beginning of Novemb. 1640. Whereupon, immediate-

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ly, (for this business could not fuffer delay) the Nobility about Midday dispersed themselves into several places of the City, as they had agreed some amongst the guard of Swiffes; some towards the lodging of the Infanta; some to the Castle; others to the Spanish Fleet in the Haven, others to the Spanish Corps de Gard before the Kings Palace; and others to the Lodgings of Vasconzellos: And at the hour appointed, a Pistoll being shot offnear the Pallace, the next fell upon the Swiffe guard; and others hearing of the noise of them fell on in their appointed stations, and made themselves Masters of all in a moment, without killing but one swife who made resistance, besides Vasconzellos,

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zellos, who was killed in his Chamber, and thrown down out of his window to be a publick spectacle to the people. Others presenting themselves before the Vice- Queen, she told them, That ifthis insurrection had no other aim but to revenge themselves upon Vasconzellos, she affured them upon returning to their obedience, to gain a general pardon from the King. But she was answered, That as for their most unjust grievances they had now received fatisfaction upon Vasconzellos. And that they had no other King but Don Iohn the Fourth. Hereupon the cry went all over Lisbone, God fave King Iohn; and from one of the clock till three all shops were shut; but then all were again set open with

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so great joy and content of the Citizens, that all rancour and malice set a part, the most inveterate enemies embraced one another with teares of joy. The Infanta for more security they removed away from the Palace to the house where anciently the Infanta's of Portugal were Wont to dwell, leaving her some Souldiers to guard her. The Archbishop of Lisbone went in solemn procession through the City, and to encourage the people, and fix them the better in their resolutions concerning a new King, made use of one of the nails wherewith Christ was nail'd to the Crosse, which he carried in his hand, thereby authorizing this infurrection with an act of Religion, to intimate to the people,

Kingdome of Portugal, 67 ple, that all was ordained by the special providence of Heaven, and that in defending the just right and cause of the Duke of Bragance & the Liberties of Portugal, they should defend the cause of God: To corroborate which conceit, they made use of certain old Prophesies and new Produgies, that in the person of this Duke was verified a certain apparition of Christ to King Alphonso just as he was ready to give battel to the five Kings of the Moors, by which he was promised not only victory, but that he and his generations should reign to the fixteenth generation, at which his Race should be thought extinct, but should stourish again when it should be least of all thought upon:

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on: They made their observations also upon the Day, being the first of December, on which day the City was recovered out of the hands of the Moors, & seized upon by Philip the Second, fo that it was a day fatal to Lisbone. Amongst other prodigies that were given out to keep the common people the better in their loyalty to their new King, one was, that the next day in the chamber where Vasconzellos Was killed, there were found so great a number of Bats, that none could enter into the Room. Also that the plot should be kept fecret so long time, (for it was plotted some weeks before it was executed,) was reckon'd asa great wonder, that among fo many persons of different de. grees

Kingdome of Portugal. 69 grees, kindred, age, rich and poor, the delign should be kept undiscovered. Another as great a wonder was, that Lisbone, a City fo wonderfully populous, and the whole Kingdome should at the same time with one univerfal acclamation accept of the Duke; not one person gainfaying, That all the Forts and Cafiles garrison'd by Spaniards, should be delivered up without relistance, and that all the Spamiards also should be sent away, and the quiet of the Kingdome setled without the effusion of more bloud then of two or three persons. The Marquesse de la Puebla, kiniman to the Duke Olivarez, with some other principal Spaniards, were secured as Hostages for those Portugals

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gals that should be found at Madrid, or elsewhere in the Catholick King's Dominions. Thursday following the Duke made his entry into Lisbone, with the general acclamations of all forts, crying, God fave King Iohn, all the Canons discharging, Bells ringing, with Bonfires and Fireworks for three nights following. And the more to gain the peoples affections, divers impolitions were taken off, prisoners fet at liberty, and Offices conferr'd upon the Race of those whose Ancestors had enjoyed the same under the natural Kings of Portugal.

All forts of Men, Clergy or Lay-men or women, brought in their Plate, Gold, Iewels, &c. to make money for the mainte-

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Kingdome of Portugal. 71 nance of this newly recovered Kingdome. The Clergy brought in as a gift fix hundred thousand Crowns, the Nobility four hundred thousand, and the people one Million of Gold.

The 15 of December the King was (worn, and Ianuary the 28. following, was declared & confirmed in a general Assembly or Parliament of the Three States, Lords Spiritual, Lords Temporal, and Commons of that Kingdome.

The King sent a courteous Complement by some Nobles to the Infanta Margaret of Savoy, Governess for the King of Spain, assuring her of all civilusage besitting a Princess of her quality, desiring her withal to forbear all discourse whereby

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fhe might instill into his subjects hearts any opinion prejudicial to his most just and righteous cause. But she notwithstanding, with much boldnesse, after many expressions of thanksulnesse to the Duke, sell into a large and grave exhortation to those Nobles to lay aside all vain hopes, and return to their true allegiance, not doubting to obtain pardon, but the Rubicon was already passed; nor is any Rhetorick powerful enough to perswade a King to quit a Royal Scepter.

The King was about 37 years old when he was proclaimed King, affecting alwaies a plain Garb and sober Diet, often saying, that great personages ought to be affable, and that any clothes become them, and any Diet nourssheth

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nourisheth them; he was very active of body, few there were that could outrun him; and indeed he hath run well that hath recovered a Crown. He had by his wife the sister of the Duke of Medina Sidonia, many sons & daughters.

Thus was the Kingdome of Portugal, the best pearl in the King of Spain's Crown, utterly lost. It is for wealth, power and commodity of scituation, above all other that Kings Dominions; lying all along upon the Sea, thick peopled and powerfull at Sea. With it returned all the Tercera Islands, all the East Indies, all upon the coast of Africa, but onely one Town called Ceuta, which was the only place that belonged to the Portugal D 3 Kings

74 The History of the Kings, that was now in the hand

of the Spaniard.

Immediately Embassadours were dispatched into England and Holland, but chiefly into Catalonia, to offer all aide and assistance possible. The news of the general Revolt of Portugal strook a general Sadnesse in all the Court at Madrid, onely the Conde Duke came laughing to the King (some would thereby collect, that the Duke took great delight in chastifing the people, and imposing new laws) and demanded of his Majesty las Albricias, as they call it, Areward for bringing of good news : for that his Majesty was now absolute over Portugal, (the People having forfeited all their Priviledges by their Rebellion) and

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and lawfull Owner of all the Estate of the Duke of Bragance, and all the Nobles his followers, to dispose amongst his Loyal Subjects: Although others imagined with more reason, that the Conde Duke inwardly refented that businesse more then any man; but according to his manner, would fet a good face on it:

However the Castilians were not idle to bring to, passe their designs, although their Military forces were at present far enough engag'd in the wars with Catalonia, France, and in Flanders; for secretly they dealt underhand with a Marquess of Portugal affected to the Castilian faction, & an Archbishop, who refented D 4

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fented not the Duke of Bragance, while Duke, and much leffe now, being proclaimed King, who conspired together, and first added to their Counsels the fon of the said Marquess and the Nephew of the Archbishop, as also one who had been formerly servant to Vasconzellos the late Secretary, and a Iew who had formerly lived in Spain; and four others, who, very vainly conceited they could turn the wheel of Fortune for the Spamish Advantage, (although they could not be so blind as not to perceive the general content, which the Nobility, Clergy and Commons, did take in the enjoynment of their new King, and newly regained Priviledges and Liberties,) And

Kingdome of Portugal. that end they laid their Plot to destroy the King, and bring both the Nobility and people of Portugalinto extream flavery, which was to be performed as followeth: They appointed the first day of August, in the night to fer the King's Pallace on fire, and in the tumule with pifols to kill the King, his wife and children; and that some Spaniards should be ready in the height of this hurliburly to seize on Lisbone. It is thought that the King was certified of this Plot on Thursday the 25 of Inly. But yet to show to the world how well he could conceal things, and declare his wildome. If is not known to this day by what meanes he had notice of it. But he very wifely took no no-

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tice, but ordered the Trained Bands to exercise their Armes on a prefixt day, and the same day called in the morning a general Counsel, and with his own several letters, hands wrote whereinhe gave to every particular man, in whome he had a fure confidence, a charge not to open those Letters; but just at such an hour, viz. at one of the clock, and to do as was therein commanded. So every man as he had instructions took so many of the Train'd Bands as was necessary, and at the same instant all the complotters were feized on; and being examined and condemned, a Scaffold was built in the great Market place of Lisbone called Rocio, and the Marquess and the Archbishop were were beheaded; the rest were hanged, being a just punishment for their treachery.

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This plot thus discovered and prevented, the Count Olivarez fell on new projects; but it happen'd to him as to others who depend much upon their own wit and policy, that he was ruin'd by the weight of his own Counfels as afterwards may appear.

Now because ther are so many things worthy of consideration in the rise and Fall of this great Person, who had the sole managery of the Kingdome of Portugal for the King of Spain, I thought sit for entertainment of the Reader, to annex briefly some particulars for that end,

Don Iasper de Guzman son of Don Henry Count de Olivarez, was was born in Rome, and drew his first breath in the Palace of Nero.

Being the third Son of his Family; He betook himself to the study of the Law at Salaman. ca, where he was Corrival with three Learned persons for a Prebendary at Sevill, which he obtained. Not long after coming to Gourt at the time when Don Balthazar Zuniga was in favour with Philip the third upon the fall of the house of Lerma, he eafily crept into the favour and familiarity of Philip the fourth, then Prince; and complying in all things with his humour, became absolute Master of his Will, by that time the death of his Father had made him absolute Monarch of Spain.

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Kingdome of Portugal, of Honour and Power, he held at a distance from his Majesty the Princes of the bloud; particularly Prince Philibert de Savoy, and it is believed, that jealous of the vivacity and Nobleness of spirit, which began to shine in the Infanta don Carlos (who was idolized by the Spaniards) he hastned his death. As for the Cardinal Infanta Don Fardinando, he speciously pretended that it was necessary he should be employed in the Warres of Germany, and afterwards in the government of Flanders. He likewise sent most of the Grandees & persons whose parts or power gave any occasion of jealousie to him, to Employments far from the Court; thereby fo powerfully suppressing the worth of

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of all other, that none being left to oppose him, he beame the sole arbitrator of the monarchy, & absolute Master of his Masters will.

As for the Queen whom the Laws of God and man forbad to be separted from her Husband; she was kept in such awe and subjection by the Dutchess of Olivarez, her first Lady of Honour, that though she had the Title and out-side of a Queen, she was little better than a slave to the Duke; who would often intimate to the King, that no other account was to be made of a Woman, but as a thing necessary to propagate the Species.

It will not be denyed but that he had most rare endowments for a Minister of State; for the zeal and passion he had for to

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Aggrandize his Master and his Dominions knew no bounds: He gave himself wholly to the transaction of publick Affairs; infomuch that he would not allow himself one hour of Recreation; He was the declared Enemy of all presents, not suffering any of his fervants to fell his Fayour, or their Credit with him: But on the contrary spent of his own Revenues for the service of the King; professing that all he had was devoted to the publick good, and that he did nothing but to augment the grandeur of the King, and to serve the State. Yet some that would feem to fee farther then vulgar eyes, fay, That the reason why he received no presents, was, because he conceived that to be the

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the only way to continue in fayour; and that by other waies, being as coverous as cruel, he found out the true fecret of heaping up treasure, without appearing ambitious. To this end he got into his hands Commanderies of all the three Orders of Knighthood, which were worth to him 40006. Crowns per annum; made himself great Master of the King's Wardrobe; Mafter of the Horse; and Great Chancellour of the Indies; which three offices were worth to him 200000. Crowns per annum; but much more considerable were the vast summes received from the Indies; for when the Fleet fer fail from Sevil and Dis bone, he caused to be shipt abundance of Corn, Wine, and Oyl Cuitome

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As for his zeal to augment his Master's greatnesse; some are of opinion, That the excess of so eminent a Virtue was in him a Vice, which produced great Mischeiss; for he was so passionate in the pursuance of that designe, that he feared not to discontent the People, the Nobiltty

her felf, so he might content the king, and carry on his design. th

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This blind Paffion carryed him away fo far, as to endeavour to abolish in Spain divers priviledges and Liberties, to the end he might render the King moreabsolute over his Subjects: He extorted from the Laity and Clergy, by the Medi-annats, an invention of his own, which was the payment of half a years Revenues of all Offices and Benefices that were bestowed; also by abasing and raising the value of Coin, an intollerable grieveance to the Subject s and by many other Impositions, raised above Two hundred and fixteen Millions of Gold.

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the first ground of the total Revolt of the Catalonians, who together with the people of Arragon, had so great Priviledges and Liberties, that they passed rather for a people recommended then subject to the Kings of Spain; whence it hath ever been Arcanum Imperii amongst the Kings of Spain to endeavour to infringe those Priviledges that rendred suspitious the Loyalty of those people: Insomuch, that in all the Wars with France, the Kings of Spain durst not luffer their Armies to march that way. Those of Arragon, in that notable business of Don Antonio Perez, were, by Philip the second, not without much craft and force, brought into absolute subjection: but the Catalonians continued

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nued stedfast in the maintenance kee of their Priviledges, and very difficult to be reduced to such subjection; because being borderers upon France by sea and land, they could commodiously receive thence affiltance or fuccour. Neverthelesse the zeal of the said Duke put him upon that attempt; so that at a Parliament holden at Barcellona, the cheif City of Catalonia, the jealous Catalonians took no small distast that the Duke endeavoured to invade their Priviledges, by not suffering their Commisfioners to be covered in his presence, which had used to be covered in the King's presence. After this the Duke proceeding in the like attmepts to diminish their Priviledges, and yet to keep

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ce keep them in obedience, quartered Souldiers upon them after the fashion of Lombardy; but the Catalonians not being able to endure the insolence of their Souldiers, took Arms, killed and drave away their Souldiers, killed also their vice. Roy, the Conde di Coloma, and put themselves under the protection of the French. Thus was lost the most populous part of all Spain, a Countrey above 800. miles in compass, and the only Countrey of all Spain, wherein is to be foundall materials necessary for making and rigging ships: The Castles, Mannors, Villages, great Towns, and Cities stand so thick, that they feem rather one continued City then a Province.

To this may be added the inexpressible

expressible losse of the Kingdom of Portugal, with all the dependencies upon that Crown in the East and West Indies, Africa, and Tercera Islands, by the miscarriage of the Count Olivarez in discontenting that Nation; which hath been before related.

Also the Duke of Medina Sidonia, whose sister was now Queen of Portugal, with some other discontented Nobles of Andaluzia resolved to Cantonize all Andaluzia, and the Duke of Medina Sidonia to be Head thereof. But the Duke Olivarez by his cunning extinguished this fire in the Birth; for with much sweetnesse and fair words he drew the Duke of Medina Sidonia to Madrid, and secured his person; and sent another

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Thesemany disasters one upon the neck of another, awaked the Court of Spain, and so startled them, that they now began to double their diligence and circumspection, insomuch that the Councel of State fate constantly morning and evening, to provide against the many storms that threatned on every fide.

Neverthelesse the Count olivarez cast all the miscarriages in Portugal upon the Infanta; and laboured as much as possibly he could to hinder her from coming to Court, least she should justifie herself, and cast a foul blot upon his Reputation; there_ fore she being sent out of Portu. gal, gal, was by Olivarez meanes confined in Estremadura, and after wards at Ocania near Madrid, where she was not allowed necessaries; which made her at length privately sly away to Madrid.

Besides the Infanta, he had also much discontented the chief Heads of the Grandees of Spain; the house of Lerma, the house of Toledo, the Duke of Alva, the Duke of Ferrandino, the Duke of Hijar, the Dukes of Maqueda, Lemos, Fuentecalida, Altamire, &c. All either ruined or disgraced by the Dyke's meanes. Onely the Conde de Monterey; and the Marquess de Leganes were thought worthy by Oliva. re? to have part in the Government; two men of mean extraction

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traction & Fortune, but by their prodigious exactions (for which they were called los dos Ladrones the two Thieves) were raised to incredible wealth. Whereat the prime Nobility of Spain were so much incensed, that they all withdrew themselves from Court none waighting upon the King at Table, at Chappel, nor in Hunting; so that Olivarez now was said to be sole Servant, as sole Master of his Catholick Majesty.

The favour of this Count olivarez, Duke of St. Lucar, (which had continued twenty two yeares) had cast so deep roots in the heart of the King, that all the world believed it to be as immoveable as the old Oak that resistes all storms; and

that it was never to be shaken, neither by the Winds of Envie, nor the Whirlwinds of Persecution, nor yet by the Tempests which often arise in Kings Courts.

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The maine motives to the disgrace of this Duke, were the unfortunate successes of the Monarchy of Spain, whilft he had the managing thereof. In the losse of Ormus, Goa and all those othervast Dominions in the East Indies, the losse of Brasile and the Terceras Islands, of the Kingdome of Portugal and the Principality of Catalonia, of Rassillion, and a part of Burgundy; of Hesdin and Arras in Flanders, of divers frong Towns in Luxemburg, of that most important Place Brifach : The impoverilliment

ment and almost ruine of the Kingdome of Naples, Sicily, and Dutchy of Milan, the losse of above two hundred ships at sea: the extorting from the Subject by first Fruits, &c. All these things laid together made the world desire by his fall to see the rise of the Monarchy, and by his disgrace to set up the reputation of the King, and reformation of the State.

But defires effect little, there must be vigorous endeavours to remove such a favourite, with a resolution to ruine or be ruined, no medium there; When none other durst venture to hang the bell about the Cat's neck, it was undertaken by the Queen.

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It happened that the King going in person to his Army in E 2 Catalonia

Catalonia, the Queen was left Governesse at Madrid, where she had opportunity to make known her rare qualities and endowments; for abating the austere gravity of the Spaniard, and mixing it with the courtesie of the French; she oft visited the fouldiery about Madrid, difcoursed with the Captains, took order for their pay, encouraged them to serve faithfully the King, caused lustice to be administred with integrity, gave often audience to all forts, discontented none in the raising of monies, and in all affaires behaved her felf with fuch an heroick discretion, that all men esteemed her the most deserving Queen that ever Spain had: the fame of her merit, that had been buried fo many

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Kingdome of Portugal. many yeares, arrived to the King's ear at his return to Madrid, whereshe took occasion to speak of the Interest of the Monarchy, of the loffe of Kingdomes and ruine of Armies, the want of money, the continual complaints of subjects: and that the King might not imagine she spake in opposition to the Duke, the authorized all with the testimonies of some of the principal Ministers of State, who had already agreed to second her fo foon as she had broken the ice; amongst whom was the Count de Castrillo, who was the more forward herein, not onely because he was a lover of the Publick, but also because he was brother to the Marquess de Carpio who marryed the Dukes fifter. E 3

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fter, whereby he had Don Lewis de Haro (the present favourite) who was the only nephew of the Duke, yet disinherited by him to the end that he might advance his bastard.

The King considering their discourse, began to be perswaded at length that if the Duke had any longer the managery of the State all would come to ruine; hereupon every day abateing the fervour of his affections towards him, he would fomtimes reproach the Duke, that he was ill informed, and fomtimes that he was a most unfortunate man: The Duke fore-feeing his declination, demanded leave to retire himself from the Court; whereto the King answered coldly, my Lord, we ought both

Kingdome of Portugal. 99 both of us to devise some remedy for these misfortunes. In the mean time it was noised abroad that the favour of the Duke was so shaken that one shock more would down with it to the ground; all men bleffing and commending the Queen, crying that the Isabels were ever fortunate to the Monarchy of Spain. Isabel of Portugal, wife of King John the 2d. overthrew the infolent favour of Alvarez de Luna. & discharged her husbands Kingdome of the tyranny of that favourite. Isabella of Castile demonstrated to Ferdinand her Husband, that in the King's Court, the King's favourite ought to be none but the Queen; that the Subjects were born onely to obey, and the King to command

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mand. Lastly, that the happy removal of this most puissant favourite could be hoped from no other hand but of Isabella de Burbon. When a Tree is falling, every one cries down withit. A Lady that was once the King's Nurse, D. Anna de Guevera, partly out of zeal to the King's service, & partly to be revenged on the Dutchess, as the King was to pass by night from his lodgings to the Queens, she put her self in the passage, casting her self at the King's feet, and having protested that she was not there to demand any grace at his Majestie's hands, but to render to the Crown of Spain the greatest service that it could receive; she said that her motherly affection enforced her to discover to his Majesty, what perhaps

Kingdome of Portugal 101 perhaps many others durst not for humane respects. The King giving her leave to speak freely, the represented unto him the general affliction of his people, the calamity of his Kingdomes, the abuses committed in his Revenues, the many losses on every side, and the sad condition of the whole Monarchy of Spain; shewing him, that thefe evils were the judgements of God upon him, for suffering the Government of his Kingdomes which God had appointed for him onely, to continue in the hands of another: that now it was high time that his Majesty should be out of his minority, and at least that he would have compassion on the Prince his Son, who ran an hazard to be simple King of Castile, 70

After this appeares upon the Stage (for perfecting the Cata-strophe of the Dukes Tragedy) the Infanta Margarita de Savoy Dutches of Savoy, late vice-Queen in Portugal, who had been so roughly handled by the Duke both before and after her leaving Portugal, being secretly come from O-

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cania, where she had been in a
manner confined, and arrived
at Court, the Duke did his utmost to debarre her audience
with the King, and to discredit
her in the Counsel of State. Neverthelesse the Queen invited
her to come to her Lodgings,
and took order that she should
have opportunity to speak with
the King for two houres space.

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The Infanta gave God thanks for her safe deliverance out of the hands of the Portugals, that after so great sufferings, she might once more appear in the presence of his Majesty, to make known her innocence, and the sailings and errours of others, made a brief Relation of all things past in Portugal, making it appear that she was innocent, and

104 The History of the and that the loffe of Portugal was to be attributed to the carelefnesse and negligence, if not to the intention of the Duke. The Queen in the mean time failed not to help out the Infanta in all her discourse, which left so deep animpression in the heart of the King, that it may truly be said, That the mortal wound was given that very day to the favour of the Duke. To dispatch him the sooner, it was represented to the King what little respect the Grandees bare now to his Majesty, not waiting upon him as they were wont, but all retiring themselves. The King asked the Marquess of Carpio what was the reason hereof? Who replied, That being little accounted off by the Duke, they judged

Kingdome of Portugal. 105 judged it more meet to forbear the services they owed his Majesty, then to lie under the suspition of the Duke, and to give him occasion by their residence at Court, to make them feel the effects of his jealousie. To help forward, there hapened a memorial accident in Segovia, where fix men masked, entring by force into the Governour's house, who imagining them to be Robbers, offered them money, and all that he had, so they would not defile his Wife, and defloure his Daughters: One of them answered, That they were not come to rob him, but to ferve the King, and delivering a paper into his hands, told him, that if he would fave his Life, he should go immediately

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mediately to Madrid, and prefent this Writing, not to the Duke, butto the King himself, that it contained affaires very fecret, and of great importance to the State, and to the service of his Majesty; and would not depart till they saw him upon his way to Madrid, threatning to kill him if he performed not that whereto he was obliged as a fubject, and as a Minister of the Kings. Being arrived, he had audience of the King, and so was fent back to his Government. It was judged by the circumstances, that the contents of the Writing was very prejudicial to the Duke.

At this time the Marquels of Grana, Ambassadour in Madrid for the Emperour having received

Kingdome of Portugal. 107 ceived a letter from the Emperour to the King, that the affairs of the House of Austria grew every day worse and worse, so that if speedy order were not taken, all would be ruined. He presently communicates the fame to the Queen, together with his instructions, that he had a part, of what he should doe therein, and so had audience of the King; whereit may well be imagined with what violence he prest the affaires against the favourite.

To all these, this also was none of the least, that the Prince Don Balthazar Carlos, the onely Son of the King, was now going into the sourteenth year of his Age; yethe continued under the tuition of Women, without any Officers

Officers and fervants given him after the manner of Princes; whereas at the same time one of the King's base sons of the same age had a Court formed him, was declared Generalissimo of Portugal, Prince of the Sea, and Grand Prior of Castile for the Order of Malta, and named Don Iohn de Austria, and had the Marquess of Castanieda given him for his Governour; whereat the people murmured greatly: For this Don John was begotten upon a Woman of base Extraction, called la Chalderona, a Comedian, not handsome, but of extraordinary pleasantnesse; who is fince made a Nunne. The Youth being of excellent parts, and like to make a gallant Man, was much affected by the King, though

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Kingdome of Portugal. 109 though he be quite of another

complexion.

At length the King being sollicited by the Queen, formed a List of the Servants that were to serve the Prince in his Court now to be erected, because He was of the Age of Fourteen yeares; giving notice to the Duke that provision might be made of all things necessary for a Court,

The Duke took the List and changed a great number in the same, which displeased the King extreamly, having been before, for other reasons, sufficiently mo-

ved.

After, the King spake of the Princes Lodgings, desiring to know the Duke's Opinion; who answered, That his Highnesse would be very well in the Lodgings

Lodgings of the Infanta Cardinal deceased : But why, my Lord (replyed the King) will not He be better in those Lodgings you are in at present, which are the very Lodgings that my Father and I had being Princes? The Duke was with this struck dumbe, perceiving well that his difgrace drew near: For that very evening his Majesty wrote him a Billet with his own Hand, whereby he forbad him to meddle any more in the Government; the Duke read this Billet without any disturb. ance, resolving not to discharge his minde, but to his wife only, to whom he sent the Note by a Post to Loeches.

Next day she came weeping to her Husband; and after two houres

Kingdome of Portugal. 111 houres discourse went to speak with the King, who foon difpatcht her. The same day she cast her self with Tears at the Queen's feet, beseeching her to interceede for them; The Queen also gave her a short answer, What God, the people, and evil successes have done, the King nor Ican undoe. This businesse was not known to any but Don Lewis de Haro, of whom the King made use to talk with the Duke about some secret affaires. This Don Lewis de Haro, is Nephew to the Duke, but so hated by him, that lately his mother dying, who was fifter to the Duke, he would not once fend to visit him; notwithstanding Don Lewis carried himself so Nobly, that casting himself at the Kings feet, he

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hebeseeched him that in regard the Duke's removeal was irrevocable, it would please his Majessity that it should be done with as little diminution of his Honour, as the Iustice of his Majesty could permit. The King hereupon granted that the Duke should continue three dayes in his Palace; that he should assist at the Councels and assemblies, and give Audience for his particular affairs.

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The same day the King sent to demand the Key where with he entred the King's Lodgings at his pleasure; but he sent to demand Audience of the King, which Hegranted him in publick before the Patriarch, and divers Gentlemen of his Bedchamber; where he spake more then a quarter

Kingdome of Portugal. quarter of an hour (But the King feemed to be careless of what the Duke said) and having made an end, went immediately into a Iunta, where he shewed himself as rigorous as ever; and handled so roughly two of the Secretaries, that they faid afterwards one to another, What the Devil aileth the Count ? He hath handled us like Scallions. Finally that evening being St. Anthonies day, the disgrace of the Duke began to be noised in the Palace: And the next morning being Sunday, the joy was so universal, that had it not been a little curbed by the fear that men had, that the Duke by his craft would regain the King's favour, there would have been publick Bonfires; however all that day the

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Monday the King, Queen Prince, Infanta, and Dutchess of Mantua, passing all in one Coach towards the Carmelites, a great multitude of people followed, crying, God save the King-fer what he hath done; let the King live, and the ill government die. There arrived also an infinite number of people to participate of the common joy which was taken for the disgrace of the Duke.

Tuesday the Dutchess with extraordinary submissiveness, attempted again to make an accommodation, but all in vain, whereat whereat the Duke was so enraged against the Queen, whom
he looked upon as the sole cause
of his dissavour, that as soon as
the King was departed to go to
the Escurial, he carried himself
in the Counsels and Junta's in
such a manner, that he made the
world believe he was yet to stay;
which not only cooled the general joy, but amazed the Queen
so greatly, that that night she
wrote a most pressing Letter to
the King concerning him.

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Thursday evening, the King returning towards Madrid, asked whether the Duke was retired, it was answered, No. The King in a chase turning to Don Lewis de Haro, saying, What doth the man stay for to be thrust out? here upon the Duke seeing no more hopes

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hopes left, prepared himself to be

gone.

Friday about one of the clock afernoon, he departed not without much artifice; For as the Coaches with fix Horses waited at the great gate of the Palace, he went forth by the back gate behind the kitchin, and put himfelf into an ill favoured Coach drawn with four Mules, where having drawn the Curtains, and placed himself between two Iefuits, as if he had been going to execution, he took his way by the street of Atocha, at the sametime that his Family in his velvet Coaches passed the ordinary way, where they were met with a company of Boyes, that thinking the Duke was there, discharged a showre of stones at the

the Coaches; but being shewn that the Duke was not there, they ceased; so that the Duke by this subtilty arrived sase at Loe-ches, a place whereof he had the Royalty.

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Now the consequences of this disgrace of Olivarez, are many, and those very remarkable. In the first place, the King recovered the credit and reputation which he had utterly lost.

The next consequence was the advancements of divers Noblemen to their dignities, and the pulling down of the Favourites of the said Duke.

The third effect, and perhaps that which olivarez resented most of all, is the miserable condition of his Bastard son, a business of that strange and extraor-finally.

dinary carriage, that it is worthy a large Treatife, but was briefly thus : The Count Olivarez being at Madrid, twelve yeares before he was in favour at Court, fell in love with Donna Marguerita Spinola, whose Father was a Genoway, and Mother a Spaniard. This Lady, Don Francisco de valeasar, Alcalde of the Court and Palace, one of the highest places of Iudicature in Spain, although he had a wife, maintained at his own charges with profuse presents and Iewels, and kept her wholly to himself. At length Olivarez with much difficulty, got a share in her also and she soon after had a Son named Julian, which none then made doubt but to be the fon of the Alcalde, who nevertheless

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Kingdome of Portugal. less understanding that others had a finger in the Pye as well as himself, took no affection to, nor care of the child; fo he was brought up idely by the mother until the age of 18. yeares; at which time his mother dying, and he finding himfelf withour Father or Mother, went boldly to the Alcalde, and besought him to declare him his son, that so he might not be exposed to the world without Father and without Name; protesting that he would never lay claim to any thing, but only under the name of Valeasar, he would get his living with his Sword. The Alcalde wholly uncertain that he was his child, would not be induced to delare thus, till upon his death bed, and then rather out

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out of charity, then belief that he was his son. So then by the name of Iulian Valeasar he went first into the Indies, where for some Roguery he was condemned to be hanged; but because the vice-King there was a great friend to the Alcalde, he gave him his pardon. Thence he went into Flanders and Italy, where he served as a common Souldier, but was very debauch't and of rude behaviour, In the mean time olivarez having no further hope of children, sent to search out this vagabond Valeasar, who he remembred was born at the time that he had to do with his mother; but before Valeasar could be found, he had married D. Ifabella de Azueta, a common Strumpet; nevertheless Novembber

Kingdome of Portugal. ber 1641. to the assonishment of all men, Olivarezowned him for his son, and declared him so by a publick act by the good will and pleasure of his Majesty, wherein he names him, Don Henry Philippe de Guzman, heir apparent of the Count de Olivarez, and of the Dutchy of Saint Lucar, so soon as it shall please his Majesty in acknowledgement of his services, to make him a Grandee of Spain; because the Title of Duke in Castile is not given but to those that may stand covered in the King's presence.

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Olivarez advertized all Ambassadours and Grandees hereos; to the great displeasure of all his Family and kindred, then resolves to marry him with one of the principal Ladies of Spain:

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To which end he cast his eye upon the first Lady of the Court, Denna Iuana de Valisco, daughter to the Constable of Castile, who for Nobleness of bloud is not to be equalled by any the Subjects of that Kingdome. For he shews in the Armes of his Predecessors, five Royal Quarters. To Accomplish this match, it was necessary to annul the former marriage by an order from Rome; which, notwithstanding the Protests of the woman, was folemnly broken. In pursuance whereof Olivariz treated for a match with the faid Lady, and in spite ofher Father and kindred, obtained her for his Bastard. And here one might observe the base spirits of Flatterers, for all the Grandees, all the Nobility of the

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the Court, all Officers of State, went to give Don Henry joy of his Marriage, treating him by the Title of Excellency, and giving him respect fitter for a King then a subject. In the mean time he became so ridiculous a personage in his carriage, that not being accustomed to such Ceremonies, he fell into great absurdities; which made some Italians say, that Don Henry acted a Clown in the habit of a King.

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A Palace was provided for Don Henry, and he received the habit of Alcantara, with a Commanderie of ten thousand Crownes, and was declared Gentleman of the King's bedchamber, with promise to have the Charge of President of the Indies, and all to make way to be GoverGovernour to the Prince; for which purpose the Prince was kept under the government of the Dutchesse of Olivarez, and no Court formed longer then the ordinary and accustomed time. Now the hatred was so general and so great against Don Henry, who could not for bear his base carriage and behaviour, that the people sang publickly,

Harry, a Man of two Names and two Wives; a Son of two Fathers and two Mothers. The Deviltake him that owns thee.

Upon the fall of the Count Olivarez, Don Henry immediately lost the Title of Excellency, his great train, and the King's favour; and from a great Idol became a Man of Clouts; scorned by all men.

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The Constable intended to take home his daughter, and to declare the former marriage valuable. But some Nobles, with whom he advised thereof, told him that he had better forbear such an attempt; for the former Marriage being declared valuable, his daughter will be declared an Adultresse, whereunto he answered, I had rather Donna Ivana were taken for my daughter and a whore, then chast and a wife of such a base Fellow.

Not long after D. Henery died without issue, and his Father the Cout Olivarez of grief ended his dayes, at the House where he was confined. The one ended like a Comet after a great blaze for a short time; The other like a Candle, after a long time in a snuff.

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Anno Enry of Lorrain, Nephew to the Earl of Burgundy, born at Beçanson, married Teresia, the Daughter of Alphonso the 6. King of Castile, and Leon and Zimena, a most virtuous Lady his Wife; with whom he had in Dowry the Earldome of Portugal, and governed with great honour and renown 12. Yeares

governed as Earl of Portugal 28 years, and was this year honoured with the title of King of Portugal, by the Soveraigns of Castile and Leon, for his gallant demeanour shown in the Battel of Ourique, where five Mahumetan Kings with an Army of 400000 men, were by his valour and conduct overthrown; and the same Title confirmed on him by Alexander the 6. Pope, and reigned King 45 Y.

1184. II. Sanches the first son of Alphonso Henry reigned 28 Y. 1212. III. Alphonso the 2. son of

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1223. IV. Sanches 2. called Capel-
lo, fon of Alphonso 2.
1257. V. Alphonso the 3. called
the Brave; Brother of Sanches 2. 22
1279. VI. Dennis the Son of Al-
phonfo 3.
1325. VII. Alphonso 4. the son of
Dennis 32
1357. VIII. Pedro, called the cru-
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el, son of Alphonio 4. 1367. IX. Ferdinando the son of
Pedro, the last King of the lawfull
if ne of Henry of Lorain 18
1384. X. John, called of good Me-
mory; the base son of Pedro, marryed
Philippa Daughter to John Duke of
Lancaster 48
1433. XI. Edward the fon of John,
and of the Lady Philip of Lancaster,5.
1438. XII. Alphonso the 5. son of
Edward 43
1481. XIII. John 2. Son of Al-
phonfo 5
1495. XIV. Emanuel the Nephew
of Edward, by his son Ferdinand Duke
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1521.XV. John 3. Son of Emanuel 38

of John 3. by his son Don John, who was unfortunately slain in the field of Alcazar in Africa

1578. XVII. Henry the Cardinal, fon of King Emanuel, the last of the male of Henry of Lorain 2

1580. XVIII. Philip the 2. of Spain, of first of Portugal, son of Charles King of Castile, of the 5. Emperour of that name, and of the Lady Isabel his wife; Daughter of Emanuel 18

1598. XIX. Philip the 3. of Spain,

and 2. of Portugal

1621. XX. Philip the 4. of Spain, and 3. of Portugal; during his Reign, 1640. XXI. John Duke of Bragance, fon of Theodol. Son of Kath. Daughter of Prince Edw. Son of Emanuel King of Port. was in the year 1640. proclaimed King by the Title of Iohn the 4. King of Portugal, Algaryes, Africa, Arabia, India, Brafil, & the Isles of Terceras, & 1656. XXII. Alphan a the 6 more

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